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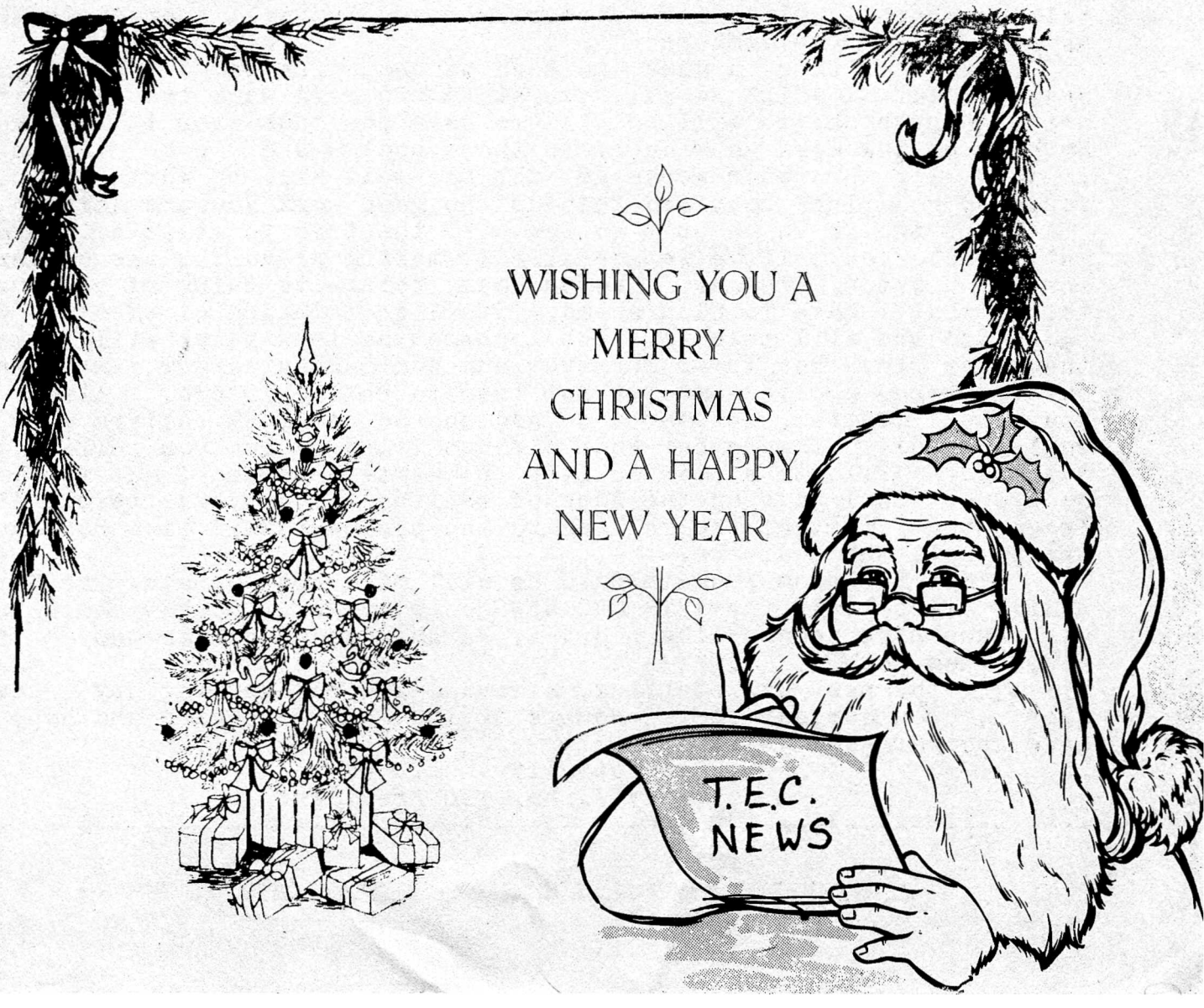

from the

PRESIDENT'S DESK

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New years to you all. May you all have good health, wealth and happeness in the coming year and may all your troubles be little ones. A happy Hanukkah to our Jewish friends too. God Bless you All.

With the year 1977 behind us, let us all start the New Year by trying to bring in a new member. If we all just try to get one new member watch "The Elongated Collectors" grow.

Remember folks the 1978 TEC dues are now due so if you can, why not send in your dues now. The deadline is March 31, 1978 before you are dropped from the membership list. The membership coins have been ordered and we hope to have them ready to mail them out with the next issue of the TEC NEWS to save on postage. As the secretary gets the dues they are recorded.

So far everything is going smoothly and we don't have any problems that can't be worked out. We have members donating elongated coins for most of the coming year to be given out with the TEC NEWS. If you care to be put on the list and can donate enough coins for all the members to be given out with the TEC NEWS, why not write and tell me about it. I'd like to hear from you and will appreciate this as well as all the members.

Those writing a book, no need to apologize to us because your over worked. I think we all understand the hard work that goes into writing any book. We will be glad to have the book when it is ready. So keep up the work your doing on those books and leave the wait- to us. I'm sure when we do get the books it will be worth waiting for. So good luck boys and keep up the good work you are doing.

Even though we haven't gotten over the trip to Atlanta, Georgia yet, would you believe we are already making plans for the convention in Houston, Texas. Theres many things to think of and many things that I have to plan ahead. Its like thinking of the 1978 TEC badge and who will make it. Bob Luchtman again said he will make them for me. Bob is an engraver and can make a larger die to roll out quarters. Believe me its not easy to roll quarters. Also if you lose a quarter, it starts to add up, so not many rollers want to roll quarters. I remember when I first tried my luck on rolling the quarters. I lost a few dollars in quarters before I got my first good one. So I gave up the idea of rolling too many quarters. I'll leave that part of the rolling to the professionals like Bob Luchtman to roll the quarters.

Lloyd E. Wagaman again said he will make and donate the Merit Award coins and the 1978 TEC NEWS coin to TEC. So how can I lose with such nice people like Lloyd E. Wagaman and Bob Luchtman. God Bless them both.

With the new year starting, Al and I are not letting any green grass grow under our feet. We are trying hard to please and hope to have another good year.

Respectfully submitted
Sally Kirka, TEC President

WE NEED TEC NEWS ARTICLES - - - SEND THEM IN NOW

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NOTICE! ALL ADVERTISERS

New rates are now in effect for ads in TEC NEWS as passed by board action in Miami, Florida, August 14, 1974.

Price of "Camera ready" copy to remain the same, but if set up by editor, which will be a typewriter set-up with no art work, the price for ads will be doubled.

Camera ready - Full page ad $10.00, ½ page $6.00, ¼ page $3.50
Editor setup - Full page ad $20.00, ½ page $12.00, ¼ page $7.00

DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Ads - Feb. 12th Articles Feb. 15th

1978 TEC NEWS COIN

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

As of this writing I do not have a picture of the 1978 TEC NEWS Coin. Lloyd E. Wagaman told me he again would make and donate the 1978 TEC NEWS Coin to TEC. This is deeply appreciated by me, as believe me not many say these days, they will donate as Lloyd always does. Thank you kindly for this Lloyd.

In order to receive this TEC NEWS Coin a member must write an article of 250 words or more. If its a long article it will be put in two parts if we don't have room for it. Also as of now the article must be at my house before the deadline and not after. If it comes later it will be put in the next issue. I can't keep up the pace I am going, not when I'm not getting paid for it. So what I have by the deadline, that will be it.

No articles will be returned. If your article is so valuable don't send it to me. Articles must be written so I can read them. If I can't I will reject them. I still will also reject any article aimed to hurt anyone in any way. I love everyone and don't want to lose any friends. You may write a derogatory article, but I'm the one who has to listen to the complaints. So be kind to your friends and just write about elongated coins. No one is perfect.

If you think you want better articles why not write one, don't be a complainer, be a joiner and help us by writing that nice article you were always going to write.

Below is the list of names who received a TEC NEWS Coin and the number on it. As you see only 84 coins were given out and were sent to the members in October. The new 1978 TEC NEWS Coins for articles in this January issue will not be mailed until sometime in February.

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The deadline for the TEC ads is February 12th and for articles its February 15th. Remember if it comes to my house after that date your article will go into the next issue unless rejected. So send in your article early and avoid disappointment. All you new members out there why not give a try on writing an article. Let us hear of what you thought about the first elongated coin you saw. Maybe you have an interesting story about why an elongated coin was made? Remember you will get a free numbered TEC NEWS Coin for doing this. This is the only way you can receive one of these coins, so why not try earning one this coming issue. Will appreciate hearing from you.

YESTERDAY'S ELONGATEDS

by Lee Martin TEC #129
Beaumont, Calif.

Alibis, alibis and more alibis, that must be what many members of TEC are thinking when they read continued delay reports eminating from the Beaumont, California office. The book by Lee Martin and Dottie Dow is not on the marketplace despite previous promises to have it ready by last August and recently by December 31, 1977. The fault is all Lee Martin's with a very unwelcome assist from Mother Nature.

The A.N.A. convention in August lost that month as a period of work. In September Lee bent over to pick something up, very light in weight and found to his shock and pain that he could not straighten up. If any of you have had this type of problem you know it resembles a toothache on a massive scale. Fortunately the episode passed but the delay lost September as a time for productive work. In October Lee's job as Advertising Director of COINage Magazine took over. It was time to sell the Christmas edition. November was equally frustrating because the "Coin Collector's Yearbook" an annual release demanded extra work and the book once more was bypassed. And then, it was December with its personal problems of buying Christmas gifts and writing to accounts. In summing up these were the reasons for letting the book sit idly by while time flew past.

Because of the certainty that elongated collectors were growing disenchanted with the project, Lee contacted several students of the hobby and offered to forward all data compiled plus photos, etc. if an individual would take over the book and complete it. (Providing Dottie would O.K. the project.) Lee gladly offered the material without asking for recompense despite a substantial investment to this point. Lee reports that not one said no. In fact, not one replied to the idea and the book remained Lee's to complete. So with this as a background, the book "Yesterday's Elongateds" will continue to be assembled and collectors are asked to forward data about unlisteds made prior to 1965. But no date for completion will be announced. Someday, hopefully in 1978, letters will be written to those who have asked to be contacted when the Library Issue is ready.

Now to elaborate on some of the problems involved. A large number of aluminum foil rubbings received defy photographic reproduction. Quality is poor or the original coin lacked height. Orders for the book remain minimal, cooperation in pricing elongateds is practically nil. (Exactly three collectors went to the trouble of listing prices paid for coins). Other barriers to swift completion include a lack of cooperation by some hobbyists who have unlisteds but on the credit side of the ledger are those who have gone all out to assist. A pat on the back goes to Alan Weinberg, Gus Meccarello, Dick Townsend, Paul Koppenhaver and others who have helped with in-depth information. Milton Heitman, Lloyd Wagaman and Bob Calander either have aided or have offered to help. The list is long and it is a shame that all cannot be mentioned at this time but the book will have a "thank you" page where hopefully credit in full will be given. Dottie Dow, of course continues to play a major part in the revision with pricing and foil assistance. All in all, the book is slowly taking shape but the accent remains on the word SLOWLY.

This is a last call for listing your name if you are interested in YESTERDAY'S ELONGATEDS. Price is not available but you are under no obligation to buy when notified. Lee Martin may be contacted at Box 667, Beaumont, California 92223.

KEWPIE KICK-OFF KOIN

by Marie F. Trinny TEC #37
Yountville, Calif.

The idea for our latest elongated coin came to mind when our daughter Elaine, who is a Kewpie doll collector, mentioned about the Kewpie doll collector's convention, that was held in Fresno, California on June 26th of this year. Being that I had only seen one "doll" elongated coin, we thought it a great idea to have one made. So, we first looked through some Kewpie books to find a suitable picture for our first Kewpie Koin. We decided on one that shows a Kewpie in a kicking pose, consequently we called it our "KICK-OFF KOIN". Each year we plan to have one made showing a Kewpie in a different pose.

Our Kewpie elongated coins were made by Bob Luchtman, of Steamboat, Nevada. He also produced our "old store card" and the North Bay Coin Club ones for me in 1969. This is our third elongated coin made for us. The only other elongated coin (that I had anything to do with) are the TEC 10th anniversary coin that John Spadone had also made with ten other names of TEC members on this coin. This was made for those that had their names on the elongated coin. When Lee Martin, from southern California was producing elongated coins, I played the role in suggesting the Raggedy Ann & Andy elongated coin, plus the Teddy Bear coin and the twenty-one California Missions coin.

When making this coin one of our biggest problems was, finding the 1977 pennies, (as this was in early March). We had 200 made on 1977-D pennies and 21 made on silver dimes. The silver dimes were sold the evening previously to the doll show, at a Kewpie doll collectors get-together. Surprising how many people had never seen or had heard of an elongated coin. They would look the coin over, notice Abe Lincoln, the date, and all the details and then would ask, "how was the coin made"? We would try to explain briefly and simply the method in making the elongated coins.

Through our opportunity of selling the coins, at the Fresno's Kewpie Convention, we were able to introduce many people to elongated coins.

Editor's note:- Marie tells me this elongated coin is for sale for 75¢ plus a S.A.S.E. I did not receive this coin so can not describe it, but it sounds very nice. Anyone wishing to buy this coin can do so by writing to the above name and this address, P.O. Box 2625, Yountville, Cal. 94599. Why not send for yours before they are all gone.

COINS DONATED

The free elongated coin you receive with this issue of TEC NEWS was donated by Dottie Dow of Phoenix, Arizona. This is one of Dottie's well known handshake coins. As people at the convention greet her and shake her hand she will palm her coin into their hand. This is the coin she had for the A.N.A. convention held in Atlanta, Georgia last August. Our thanks goes to Dottie for this coin.

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE - ADS FEB. 12th - ARTICLES FEB, 15th

A.N.A. CONVENTION REPORT

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

August 20, 1977, Saturday

Our TEC treasurer, Chester Grabowski, was over to our home by 6 a.m. to take us to the airport. Chester can't always make the convention but he helps us with everything he can.

We arrived in Atlanta, Ga., by 11 a.m. and were on our way to the Marriott Hotel before we knew it. Our taxi driver pointed out the sights to us as we drove along. He seemed to enjoy showing off the city of Atlanta as much as we enjoyed seeing it.

When we arrived at the hotel we had a 3½ hour wait for our room. So with only 25 minutes of sleep for me it was a long wait. Al and I made a tour of the hotel to find where everything was. Somehow the Marriott Hotels have plenty of lobby space and lots of interesting stores to visit.

First of the A.N.A. folks we met was Arthur Fitts. He wanted to help us in any way he could, but we already had a very nice room and couldn't ask for anything better. After talking with Arthur, Al and I went to our room for a rest, believe me we needed a few hours of sleep by then. We did get up for supper, but decided to go to sleep early just the same.

August 21, 1977, Sunday

I'll Call this my kissing day as everyone who arrived today came over and said, "Hello Sally" and gave me a kiss. I still think a few strangers came over and kissed me too. I know Al asked me a couple of times, who was that, and I had to admit I had no idea of who they were!

By noon Al and I received our pre-registration envelopes and we went back to our TEC corner which we already had picked out. There we met Harold and Alice Anderson and it was so nice to see these two nice people again. I think we spent the rest of the afternoon just sitting and talking over old times. This is the fun of seeing all TEC friends again.

George Kesterson and his wife arrived and what a nice surprise to see them both. We only met Mrs. Kesterson for the first time this year. George showed me a beautiful Lord's Prayer elongated coin he just made and believe me this coin is a lots different than most. He gave me one and then gave me some beautiful coins that he made sets of. See his ad in the last issue of TEC NEWS for this and if you are not buying this set you are really missing something.

August 22, 1977, Monday

Today I was watching for Ruby Threlkeld, as she loves to sneak by me and surprise me. So I was glued to the door to see her first. After Ruby arrived it was fun the rest of the week. Al told me right away, "don't you two get into any mischief". In five minutes after Ruby was checking into her room we did just that. It seems Ruby put her key in the wrong door and on the wrong side of the hall too. Well she couldn't open the door, until Al said,"Ruby, your room is over here". Now can you picture two ladies trying to get into someones room with the person in the room. As I said to Ruby, "we are lucky someone didn't come out and punch us in the nose". Then the door opened and a man came out laughing as he heard us. Ruby unpacked and we were in the TEC corner in no time at all.

Next on the scene was Dottie Dow. Richard Townsend was here earlier but went to the airport to help her get her things to the hotel. Before the day was over most of the TEC members were there.

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A.N.A. CONVENTION REPORT (cont. from page 7)

Tuesday, August 23, 1977

With Ruby there you get up early no matter what time you go to bed, so by 7 a.m. we met Ruby for breakfast. Alice and Steve Penzes had arrived an hour earlier and would you believe 12 hours later they still didn't have a room ready for them.

The bourse room was open so the TEC family was off to see what they could get. As for me I had over 300 P.N.Covers to cancel, so I was busy running back and forth to get a few canceled at a time. I had a special one I wanted special handled for my A.V.A. friends. Then most of us were off to try our luck for free gifts. You'd be surprised how many free things you get at the convention. After an hour of this it was back to our TEC corner and believe me we really take up a corner as we always get together a few times a day. Before we went to bed that night Ruby, Al and I came to our room and got many of the door prizes in bags and ready for our TEC meeting.

Wednesday, August 24, 1977

Today we showed signs of being tired and my feet can't take too much walking around. We go everyday to the bourse room and you do a lot of walking in there. We met Dottie Dow and Richard Townsend who both gave us some nice goodies, such as gifts, coins and some very nice P.N.Covers which are one of a kind. At noon Lou Desrocher, Ruby Al and I bought sandwiches and ate in our room. This way we ate what we wanted. The food was a problem to some of us and it was good to get a nice sandwich for a change. Anyone that wanted to eat in our room came up and ate with us.

Later some of the TEC members went to the A.N.A. meeting. John and Barbara Izzo arrived and more gifts were exchanged. It seemed at times it was like Christmas in August.

At 4 p.m. the TEC Board of Directors held their business meeting. When that was over, everything was set for the Friday general meeting. We all had a late supper and off to bed for everyone.

Thursday, August 25, 1977

I think today was a rough day for a few of us, as even I myself didn't feel very well. I just couldn't go for the food there. Also not many of us could take the hot humid weather they have in Georgia. Believe me it was hot and I mean hot. I had lots more P.N.Covers to cancel but the way I felt I could care less. I knew I was sick at the S.P.A.N. meeting but stayed and enjoyed the meeting.

John and Barbara Izzo brought food from a store so we all ate in our room again and sort of rested as believe me it didn't take us long to get tired. Even the air-conditioners weren't working in all the big halls and this didn't help much either.

In late afternoon most of us went to the N.E.N.A. get-together, of which I was also the president. We received a few free gifts there, two of which I gave out. That evening we just sat in our TEC corner and just enjoyed visiting.

Friday, August 26, 1977

I got up very sick and boy, did I wish I was home! We had a big day ahead of us and it was rush all day long. We all went to a wooden money meeting as most of us are members of D.W.M.C. Then we, rushed to the T.A.M.S. luncheon, then we rushed to get things ready for our TEC meeting. Like I said I was really sick that day. Had I stood up at the meeting I would have passed out. We did have a very good meeting and I must say everything went off very nice. Later most stayed and visited with each other. Dottie Dow's daughter was there so most everyone met Dawn Dow too.

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A.N.A. CONVENTION REPORT (cont. from page 8)

After the TEC meeting there was another business meeting so most everyone went their own way, only to meet at the Literary Guild's banquet that night. So when this was over a very tired group went to their rooms for a good nights rest.

Saturday, August 27, 1977

Saturday was a little sad as many of the TEC family starts leaving. I really hate to say goodby to anyone. Barbara and John stayed at another hotel, so by the time they came, Ruby and a few others already left for their homes.

At noon we all took off for the bourse room and I had to get one of those foot long hotdogs with about a ½ pound of Chili on it, and I'm not kidding. Ruby ate one of those sitting in the lobby without getting a drop on her dress yesterday. Its not so easy to do this. I've never seen such a big hot dog with so much chili and beans on it. I ate mine, but I suffered the rest of the day.

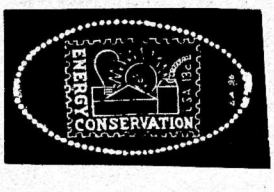
That night was the big A.N.A. banquet and everyone was dressed in their pretty gowns. We enjoyed the banquet but for me I was glad it was over as I wanted to go home and to bed.

Sunday, August 27, 1977

I was so sick all night in no way would I get out of bed for the A.N.A. breakfast. I stayed in our room until about noon then got up to go eat and take a last look at the bourse room. We met a few more friends and said our goodbys and went to our room to pack.

Monday, August 29, 1977

We were at the airport early as I just wanted to get home to good old Connecticut. We still met some of the TEC members at the airport as everyone was still buying some last minute souvenirs to bring home. Then it was time to leave and we were on our way home. Chester Grabowski again met us at the airport and brought us home. I landed in bed for two weeks after this trip, but seeing some of our TEC family was worth it. I blame it all on the hot and humid weather for my heart attack. Now I'm rested up so where did we say is the next A.N.A. convention? We hope to see you all there.



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All 1978 TEC dues must be paid by the deadline of March 31st, 1978. After that date if you haven't paid you will be dropped from the membership list. If you pay after that date you will be re-instated, but you may lose out on the free coin that comes with TEC NEWS. We will try to have the membership coins ready to send out with the next issue as we have done in the past. As the TEC NEWS will be sent sometimes in December you can understand why the coins are not ready. If your letters and TEC NEWS have crossed please wait and in no time at all you will have your membership card and coin. We do this to also save on postage and from going up on our dues. Also give us a chance to get a breather too. We are trying hard to please, so bear with us. Let us enjoy our Christmas too. Today is Thanksgiving day and guess what Al and I are doing all day. You guessed it as we are typing up TEC NEWS trying to get it in the mail to please you. Its getting to demanding from some and as we are not paid anything, please bear with us and you will get your TEC NEWS and your membership coin and card too. To those that wait so patiently, thank you kindly and God bless you all.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
ATTENTION

Anyone wishing to send in a coin that they have rolled during the year 1977 to be judged the best coin rolled during the year, please send two of each coin to me:- Sally Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. You can only send in two different coins you rolled in 1977 and two of each one you send. These coins will not be returned, but will be given out as door prizes at our annual meeting in Houston, Texas. We will announce the lucky winner at the annual meeting too. There will be an award given for this. Please give us a run down on your coin, as to who made the die, who rolled the coin and who designed and made up the idea which is on the coin.

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CHRISTMAS COINS

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn

As it is still early November its hard to say how many Christmas elongated coins will be made this year by the rollers. So far I've heard from only two people who mentioned about making, or having a Christmas elongated coin made. There are many collectors of Christmas elongated coins, so if you have a Christmas elongated coin made, and want to sell the coin, send me a sample and how much you are selling the coin for. In the next issue of TEC NEWS I'll write about your elongated coin and let the members know that you have a Christmas elongated coin for sale. This will help you sell a few and will help the collectors too.

I love to see what other rollers make as each one seems to have a different Christmas idea each year. Some rollers will stick with good old Santa Claus, while others will make a religious one and others will have their own idea of Christmas on their elongated coin. Yet each coin will stand out beautifully.

Just think what a nice exhibit you can make with a few Christmas elongated coins and a few Christmas decorations. As I'm writing now a few ideas came to me for some nice exhibits of Christmas elongated coins. So exhibit your Christmas elongated coins at the fall coin shows in and around your areas. Lets show everyone a Merry Christmas the elongated coin way.

So Merry Christmas to all our friends in T.E.C. and a very Happy New Years too. God Bless You All, my friends and may your troubles be little ones.

NOTICE!

Remember if you haven't ordered your 1978 TEC badge yet, please do so before the deadline of April 31, 1978. Only those that order the badges will be able to buy them, so please send in and order the 1978 TEC badge now. We have to do this so we can sell them all. It cost money to make them and we cant get stuck with them as we did in past years. All the money we make on the badges goes into the T.E.C treasury and this helps us a little so we don't have to go up on the dues. Remember the price of everything is going up and so is postage after the first of the year. So please order your 1978 TEC badge before the deadline and avoid a disappointment later in August and say to us I didn't know we were to order our badge first, yet this is our third year doing so. So remember we told you in TEC NEWS, if you didn't read it, its your fault and not ours. So please help us to help you, as we do care.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Now is the time to send in your nominations for the Merit Award coin for 1977, for outstanding work done for TEC. The deadline for this is April 31, 1978. no silly reasons as a person must earn this award and must have done something outstanding for T.E.C. All nominations will be voted on and those approved will receive the Merit Award coin in August at our TEC annual meeting in Houston, Texas. Send in your nomination to President Sally Kirka, 116 Oak St. Manchester, Conn. 06040

NOTES OF INTEREST

Received a cute P.N.Cover from O.W. Morgan in October and what a cute idea he had. Was very grateful on receiving this from him as this will be added to my collection of Philatelic Numismatic Covers or P.N.Covers for short. My covers are all with elongated coins in them. Mr. Morgan's P.N.Cover had a picture of a man hitch-hiking and a very cute idea. As of this writing I do not know if these are for sale or not. Have written to Mr. Morgan for more information on this.

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There are no black and white pictures of the TEC members this year. My camera broke so I could not take any pictures of the TEC members at the A.N.A. Convention. We borrowed a camera but the pictures did not come out good enough to put in TEC NEWS. If anyone else has any black and white pictures of any TEC members they took at the convention, why not donate them for the TEC NEWS. Next year we hope to have a new camera and hope to have some pictures for our TEC NEWS. I did receive a few nice colored pictures and I do appreciate this, but I can't use them for the TEC NEWS.

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Please when sending in money for the TEC badges, just send in the full amount such as $3.30. Thats the price of the 1977 TEC badge. Although we put this in TEC NEWS, theres always someone who doesn't seem to understand this. Also make out your checks to "The Elongated Collectors", or T.E.C. as this money is put into our TEC checking account. This money helps TEC pay a lot of expenses during the year. Please do not send cash in the mail, as I will not be held responsible for you doing this.

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Received some nice pennies with an owl on them along with other animals, from Adam Cool of P.O. Box 174, Brigantine, N.J. 08203. Now these are just what I'm calling it a penny with an owl on the back. The penny is rolled slightly larger, but just a little. I know many of the TEC members collect owls etc., so if your interested please write for price and information to Adam Cool. Don't forget that SASE for information. These coins are really a little bit different from an elongated coin but yet almost the same idea. On one side shows the owl same as on an elongated coin and Lincoln on the other.

What I'd like to tell the members is Mr. Adam Cool really has some beautiful half dollars rolled out that he has for sale. One has the the Liberty Bell on it and the other one has a beautiful scene of a lake and mountains and a flying geese. Now these sell for $3.50 each and with a chain on it, it sells for $4.95. This really looks beautiful worn as a necklace and is a very nice gift for a Christmas or a gift for any occasion. Both look very nice painted too. I'd advise the members to send for his price first and don't forget the stamped self addressed envelope when asking for his coin. He did not ask me to write about this but I wanted the members to know of the nice things he has for sale. So don't wait to long in ordering that beautiful half dollar as I know you wont be sorry. Tell Adam, Sally told you about it.

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Barbara Izzo and John Izzo won a trophy on their exhibit of their things they brought home from the A.N.A. Convention and the TEC meeting. Keep up the good work and lets show our elongated coins around as much as we can. We also know how proud Barbara is of her elongated coins.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Boy oh boy, Dottie Dow put out another very nice elongated coin for the Great Eastern Numismatic Association, or G.E.N.A. for short. You'd have to see it to believe it. It was made for the Philadelphia show and has Wil. Penn's picture on the elongated coin. If you the members are collecting Dottie Dow's elongated coins and didn't attend the G.E.N.A. convention then you can send for the elongated coin by writing to Bob Dadson, 409 Eight St., Carlstadt, N.J. 07072. The elongated coin is only 50¢ plus a SSAE. The only way to get this beautiful elongated coin after the convention is by writing to Bob. So why not do it now.

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By the way Barbara Izzo of Carlstadt, N.J. gave an interesting talk about our TEC annual meeting in Atlanta to one of her Coin Clubs and put on a nice program for them. The way I hear it she even won a blue ribbon and received a proof set for the talk. That a girl Barbara, Keep up the good work as thats one way of telling people about elongated coins. Show them to your club members and keep talking about elongated coins.

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Another of our TEC members who is doing a good job of advertising elongated coins is our Vice President Ruby Threlkeld who did the same thing for one of her coin clubs. She wrote me, she showed all her elongated coins and P.N.Covers with elongated coins she received at the A.N.A. Convention were exhibited for all the members to see in La Marque, Texas. That a girl Ruby, its fun to show off the nice elongated coins some of our rollers made, as there were some beautiful elongated coins being made lately.

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Duane Spellman (The Mint) 20114 Saticey, Canoga Park, Calif. donated some coins to TEC of Nathen Hale and Paul Revere. These coins can be used to raise money for TEC or can be used as TEC door prizes at our annual meeting. Right now I'll have to hold the coins until I know for sure what I will do with them. So many thanks to you Mr. Spellman as they will be put to good use. Anyone interest in buying these sets can write to the above address. Don't forget that stamped self-addressed envelope when writing for information.

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R. Roy Wagner Jr., P.O. Box 3417, York Pa. 17402 has two coins. At this writing I do not know if they are for sale or not. I wrote for more information but did not get an answer to my letter at this writing. One elongated coin is of a building of the first Capitol of U.S. in York Pennsylvania - 1777-1778. The other coin is of York, Inter-State/Fair/Sept. 9-17/1977/York Penn., with a dotted border. Two very nice coins to add to anyones collection. Send that SSAE envelope when asking for information.

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There will be no TEC meeting of the TEC members at the mini ANA convention in Colorado in February. I don't think many TEC members can afford to go to a winter convention too. Why tax the members to attend another convention in winter. Also for my money February is the coldest month to hold a show. We have our biggest snow storms here and I'm sure they have plenty of snow in Colorado too. No harm intended as I'm only saying I know Al and I could never make it in the winter too. For us the best place is home in front of the fireplace watching T.V. Those who care to go enjoy yourself and have fun.

NOTES OF INTEREST

As I type out Lee Martin's article I wonder how many of our TEC members will be sorry they did not order one of the new books he is writing now. It will be like a few years ago. No sooner did he sell the books that were ordered, when members wrote, how come I can't get one of his books. Yet it was in TEC NEWS, to order your book before its to late. Many either didn't read the TEC NEWS, or were too lazy to write and order one. It wasn't a week or two later after Lee Martin's first book was sold out, that his book sold for $25 and $30. Yet I can almost say, there were less than a 100 TEC members who ordered a book. So if you want that copy of a Library book. or first issue, order that book now and avoid disappointment later.

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Jack Gladfelter sent an elongated coin for the TEC Archives of an early Colonial Court House of York, Pa. Anyone wishing to buy one can write to him at P.O.-L.B. 173, Seven Valleys, Pa. 17360. I think the coins are 75¢ each plus a SASE. Mr. Gladfelter also said he will have some P.N.Covers after Sept. 30th. For more information write to the above address. From what I see Jack has a nice elongated coin and just may surprise you with a beautiful P.N.Cover too.

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Lloyd Wagaman, Route #1 Box 195-D, Camby, Indiana 46113 had a few nice new issues made lately. One is Misc.#18 - GOD-GUNS- GUTS, Misc.#19 - PANAMA CANAL, GA #2 - SOUVENIR OF ATLANTA, GA, IND. #36 - INDIANA STATE FAIR, 1977, IND. #37 - JIM JONES BODY SHOP. KY.#2 - LELON & MARGARET LATHAM GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, All these coins are a dollar each plus a SASE. So if you haven't bought yours yet, why not send for them now and you won't be sorry later.

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A word from Smiley Burnette. "My wholehearted thanks to ya'll for remembering that noisy guy Smiley with the special TEC badge. Again many-many thanks for making me speechless with the Henry W. Blaha Memorial Award. At both Tams & TEC meetings it was the first time that I was speechless and lost for words. I don't think I even said thanks. Its these surprise awards that keep us specialist nuts going so strong. It is folks like ya'll that makes this a good club!"

Smiley Burnette is still looking for two elongated coins to complete his L.P.E. One is MoSLWF #16 and #20. Anyone having these elongated coins and wishing to sell them, please get in touch with Smiley Burnette, P.O. Box 21104, St. Louis, Mo. 63147.

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Congratulations to Fredric G. Mantei on being elected president of the Metropolitan Token and Medal Society of New York.

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The South Hills Coin Club has had an elongated coin rolled for their clubs 17th anniversary as well as their 201st meeting in our country's 201st year. There were 500 rolled on 1977 pennies and one will be given to each member at their meeting. The extras will be sold to the public at 35¢ each, or (3 for $1) plus a SASE. You may order yours by writing to the address below, Richard Gaetano, TEC #706 sent in this information and sent me one of these nice coins. Write to the South Hills Coin Club, Box 161, Bethel Park, Penn. 15102. Thanks Richard. The coin has the clubs seal on it too.

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Don't forget the deadline for articles is February 15th and for TEC ads it is February 12th. Get these articles in on time. Please!

NOTES OF INTEREST

A.A. Rosato of 44 Bank St., New Milford, Conn. 06776, sent me a nice coin with an antique clock on it. Maybe someone out there is looking for this for their collection. It was rolled out on a hand engraved die and a nice rolled out elongated coin to add to anyones collection. For more information, please write to the above address and don't forget to send a stamped self-addressed envelope as this helps to get an answer. These people do not ask me to write about their coin, but when I see a nice elongated coin I like to tell the other members about it too. So if you are interested why not write about the coins before it is to late.

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I'd like to thank Abe Gefter for the little gifts he sends from his trips. These are appreciated by me. There is one little medal I received from him that I know will be hard to find around here. So thank you Abe for everything and enjoy those trips you take every year. Boy, some folks have all the luck.

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A new member, Cleo C. Maddox, P. O. Box 26, Golden, Colorado, 80401, sent me two nice elongated coins that he had made recently. One is a football /Denver/ souvenir of the Broncos. The other coin is of the Colorado Ski Country, U.S.A., with the high mountains and the sun in the background. Two very nice coins. I keep writing about the elongated coins that I receive hoping other members may want to buy them to add to their collection. Some of the members miss out on some good elongated coins when they don't buy when they read about them in the TEC NEWS. Don't forget that SASE as it really helps you to get an answer to your letter. Remember I write about this on my own to let you know about the nice elongated coins you yourself can buy. As far as I know the coins are 50¢ each, plus your stamped self-addressed envelope. So if you are interested why not send for the coins now.

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George L. Wanzug, 4371 E. 12 Mile St., Warren, Michigan 48092, thinks he found a good unlisted elongated coin. From his letter it has on it, Euclid Beach Park /Cleveland, Ohio - Souvenir. No dates on obverse and rolled on a 1926 cent. Does anyone have any information on this elongated coin? If you do why not write an article on this coin, or write to George about it. This is the way we learn about the elongated coins in sharing our knowledge about them.

George also sent me elongated coins that he had made for the Warren Coin Club's 15th Anniversary 1962-1977, Warren, Michigan. The coins were designed and rolled by George and the engraving was done by Adam Cool. There are 100 elongated coins available to the TEC members for 50¢ each and a S.A.S.E. Don't hold off to long in ordering these elongated coins as when they are gone, thats it! For that price why not order a couple, as that beautiful die will soon be destroyed. The club also rolled 72 on silver dimes for the club members only.

George rolled most of these elongated coins at the clubs October 23rd, coin show. George also wrote he hopes to get some new members for TEC, now this is what I like to hear. Thanks again for the coins.

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If you would like to have Lloyd Wagaman's price list, why not send him a stamped self addressed envelope for one. You won't be sorry that you did. His address is Route #1, Box 195-D, Camby, Indiana 46113

MY ERROR CONFESSION

by O. Wilson Morgan TEC #183
Hernando, Florida

First, I want to apologize to every member of T.E.C. Having visited Ft. Myers, Florida before the war, having lived there for a short time after the war, having several friends there to whom I had written over a period of many years, one would think a person would know how to spell Ft. Myers.

Imagine my consternation on receiving the elongated coins from my roller, to see Ft. Myers spelt Ft. Meyers. I jumped from my chair and ran to my files, pulled my copy of the drawing in rough and sure enough, there was that extra "E".

Don't ask me why, as I don't know the answer. I also don't know what I had on my mind at the time, to put that extra "E" in the spelling of Ft. Myers. Anyhow there it was.

It's easy to see how a person who is so concentrated to doing his work might easily do such a thing, if he were doing it without a master-copy, but there's no excuse for someone to do such a thing and overlook it for weeks, who was under no pressure at all.

My background in work would state I couldn't do it, but I did. How many times as a tool and die maker had I heard my boss say, "check, then recheck and when you were sure you were right, check again to make dern sure". Only he didn't say dern. Even my background in Metallurgy, Chemistry, as a Plating Specialist, a Tooling Engineer would be against me making this error, but it did.

I was sick over it, but after the shock wore off, I thought, "what the heck", and ordered holders with the same printing of Ft. Meyers.

I sold about 40, but with the selling of each one I hurt a little deeper, until I stopped selling them. Bad conscience! Good conscience!

Now, how to make amends to those who thought they were getting something good and not just paying for junk. As far as I can see there's only one right way, so, at this time, anyone who has a Ft. Meyers elongated coin and wants his money back can contact me, and I'll refund their 50 cents back.

I've thought about destroying the coins, or burying the remainder, but have decided to turn them over to President Sally Kirka to be given away in any manner she deems fitting. With the T.E.C. NEWS or used as door prizes, or what ever she thinks best. Door Prizes, ugh!

Why ugh? So that in the future, the elongated coins and the memory of this article might have a tendency to make some one else, make a closer check of both articles and elongated coins.

This was a hard article, or letter to write, but I'm glad its written. It's taken me a long time to write about it.

Editor's note:-

I wish to thank you for these very nice elongated coins. We do not have enough to give out with the TEC NEWS, but we can use these as give aways at the TEC meeting in Texas next year or in 1979. If I were you I wouldn't worry about the mistake as this makes this another variety. I'm sure all who receive this coin will be more than happy to get it. So thanks again for this very nice coin and this is truly an error elongated coin that should be in everyones collection. I will write more about this elongated coin to you, so don't bury any of these coins, as you can bet once an elongated coin is made members will want one. They belong to the collectors.

THREE TEC MEMBERS

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

New ANA Governors

Florence Schook

Kurt Krueger

The TEC members did very well at the A.N.A. election this year at the A.N.A. convention in Atlanta, Ga. There were three of our TEC members who were elected as officers. One long time member is George D. Hatie, of Detroit, Mich. He was elected Vice-President of the A.N.A. Now thats not bad. This is the second time George Hatie is serving as Vice President of the A.N.A.

Two others who were elected to the A.N.A. Board of Governors were Kurt R Krueger of Kimberly, Wisconsin. Kurt has donated elongated coins before to give out with our TEC NEWS. This year all the TEC members who stopped off at his bourse table in Atlanta, Georgia, were given a key chain with one of Kurts elongated coins on it. This was a big thing with the TEC members as the TEC members were bringing their friends to his table to have them get one of these coins, or get an extra one for a TEC friend who didn't make the convention. These nice souvenirs will be put to good use by the TEC members as a collectors item. As you watched the TEC members you could see them put the key chains and elongated coins neatly into an envelope. Thank you Kurt from all the lucky TEC members who received one.

Now the third member of TEC to be elected to the A.N.A. Board of Governors was Mrs. Florence Schook of Livonia, Michigan. Mrs. Schook is a leader in the A.N.A.'s varied youth programs. Our congratulations to all three of you as we, the officers and members are very proud of you three.

When I think of our A.N.A. Vice President George Hatie, I think of California. He was given a big party in the pent house of the Marriott Hotel in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Hatie is a member of the New England Numismatic Association and many of our NENA members were going to join the party and asked Al and I to go. At first I felt we should not go as we weren't really invited. Then I thought I've never seen a pent house suite, so I wanted to see if they looked as I see them in the movies. As we reached the door, who should come to greet us but George Hatie himself. There he gave us all a nice welcome and gave me a nice hug. As he did this I whispered to him to go away as I was crashing his party. He laughed and said we were welcomed to stay. I really did look the place over and I must say it was beautiful. I even pulled the drapes to see the beautiful view of the city of Los Angeles, California. So when George Hatie becomes President of the A.N.A., watch out George as Al and I will be at the next party too.

Again I'd like to congratulate you nice folks and it makes me feel proud that three of the TEC members are officers of the A.N.A. Sorry but at this writing we did not have a picture of George Hatie.

OUR TRIP TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA

by Barbara Izzo TEC #662
Carlstadt, N.J.

At the last minute this summer, my husband John and I decided to go to the A.N.A. convention in Atlanta, Georgia this past August. We arrived there Tuesday afternoon August 23rd and as we entered the hotel we went around looking for any of our friends from thr different coin clubs we belong to. We met a few in the lobby, but we were looking for our friends Sally and Al Kirka, Ruby Threlkeld, Alice and Steve Penzes, Richard Townsend, Dottie Dow, Lou Desrocher, Alice and Harold Anderson and Harold Butner. These are the names of some I remember now. If I missed anyone its just that I forget them. It wasn't long before we found a few of the TEC members and it was a pleasure meeting everyone as they came along. After visiting in Sally and Al Kirka's room for a couple hours, we all went and sat in the TEC corner in the lobby. Every few minutes someone came by and stopped to talk to our TEC president Sally Kirka. Believe me no one passed by without saying hello. Everyone seems to know Sally and Al Kirka.

Each day we would either walk around the bourse or exhibit rooms but would return to visit with Al, Sally Kirka and Ruby Threlkeld. We could always depend on seeing them there, or wait a few minutes and they would be there. Everyone new that came by passed out either elongated coins, tokens or wooden money. We could also trade coins with many of the TEC friends too.

On August 26th came the day of our annual TEC meeting. When we arrived there. president Sally and Al Kirka were already there and had everything ready for our meeting to begin. It wasn't long before the room started to fill up. The meeting went off great and I can truthfully say my husband John and I really enjoyed it. We received a bag of a few elongated coins and also had a treat of winning a few door prizes. You can't say no one went home without a few extra elongated coins.

With all the free goodies I received I was able to make up a nice exhibit for two of my coin clubs. In one club I received a blue ribbon and a 1965 proof set for doing this. In another club I didn't win the big prize, but still received a nice trophy which made me happy. I really enjoy showing off my elongated coins as I really enjoy collecting them. It will be a long time before we stop talking about our trip to the A.N.A. convention and our TEC meeting and of seeing all our TEC friends again.

Heres wishing you all our dear friends of TEC "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

THE "TATE" FAMILY

Do you know how many members of the TATE family belong to our club? There is old man DIC TATE who wants to run everything, while UNCLE RO TATE tries to change everything. Their sister AGI TATE stirs up plenty of trouble, with the help of her husband, IRRI TATE. When ever new projects are suggested HESI TATE and his wife, VEGE TATE want to wait till next year. Then there is aunt IMI TATE who wants our club to be like all the others. DEVES TATE provides the voice of doom. While POTEN TATE wants to be a big shot. Not all members of the family are disagreeable. Brother FACILI TATE is most helpful and Miss FELICI TATE IS ALWAYS a delight. Cousin COGI TATE and MEDI TATE always think things over and lend a helpful, steadying hand.

THIS AND THAT - - - CHIT CHAT by H.J. Hessenthaler TEC #656
Buffalo, N.Y.

The Pan American 1901 elongated cent showing the building, the "Electric Tower", is similar to the replica on display in the Historical building in Buffalo, New York which incidently was the home of the Pan American Exposition. This is a beautiful model built to scale of this original building and worthy of the time and effort to view it in the Buffalo area.

Peter Carmel #712 writes in the October issue of TEC NEWS about needing a book such as Lee Martin and Dottie Dow's. How right he is, I've come across quite a few elongated coins (if genuine) that area dealers in coins have been selling at coin shows. The prices in my opinion are too unrealistic. Without reference to authenticate or establish a fair price I examine the elongated coins, but do not buy. I've seen 1893 Columbians, 1901 Pan Americans, Chicago and New York World's Fair elongated coins. However before I pay $7 - $18 asking price, I want to be sure they are original and that the price is in line.

Referring back to Mr. Carmel again, If rollers and dealers would keep their prices in line, it would be a boom to collectors.

Rollers would find their sales increasing. Any dealer reading this article that I've purchased from need only to check his records to see that I buy more when the price is low. I imagine there are a few others who do likewise. There are exceptions however where rollers efforts are worth considerably more. For example, Lloyd Wagamans beautiful calendar coin (which I would not part with for a 500% profit) or Bob Luchtmans beautiful photo elongated coins that I've purchased when I first started collecting four years ago. There are many more rollers that deserve a good premium on some of their work, but by no means on all that they produce. Keep the price down but make a larger mintage. As more collectors discover this facinating hobby, the dealer roller will find that their larger run won't be adequate anyhow. Results, more sales, insufficient supplies, greater demand.

Also what prevents dealer-rollers from selling at discount in 3 or 5 or 10 lot sales of the same elongated coin. This talk about stimulating trade between fellow collectors is all fine and dandy but just how does one accumulate extra trading material. Most of us, I think, only buy one of each elongated coin that they are interested in. Who can afford more at some of the prices asked and with the large amount of elongated coins being turned out by some rollers. Presently I doubt if there are more than a handful of TEC members with a significant number of extras to trade, outside of a dealer that is.

Answer to A. Rosato's article about his book in the October TEC NEWS. Mr. Rosato, I'm sure that when your book is published and when copies start filtering out into the hobby mainstream, you will find sales most gratifying. Likewise to Mr. Martin with his book. There is a need for both of your books and I'm sure there is a demand that will be much greater once they appear on the market. I dare to say that Dottie Dow wishes that she had a larger printing of her book. I've never had the pleasure to see her book, but would purchase one right now if one was available and the price was reasonable. Last I heard Dottie Dow's book was offered at $75.00 in one auction that Spadone had in 1975. So we do need a new book now.

DEADLINE ADS FEB. 12th - - ARTICLES FEB. 15th

THOUGHTS ---- FACTS ---- FANCY

by H.J. Hessenthaler TEC #656
Buffalo, N.Y.

Help pass the word. No doubt many TEC members are or were at one time stamp collectors who find themselves with a surplus of mint U.S. postage on hand. Great, if roller dealers would accept U.S. postage (in exchange for part or all elongated coins ordered) at face value. It seems that dealers use postage just like the rest of us. Its more than likely that they might receive some larger orders. Is it possible that somewhere out there in this glorious United States of America a dealer or a manufacturer of rolling machines has a set of drawings or schematic plans showing the layout and operations of a rolling machine. One who would provide our TEC Editor with a copy to run off for a full page insertion in the TEC NEWS. There are probably hundreds of us amateurs in the hobby that haven't the foggiest idea of what a machine looks like or how it works. I'm not talking about a picture, as they are too misleading. I'd like to see the complete assmbly showing and naming all parts. I dare to say that there are many elongated collectors that would be more than willing to purchase a full set of plans showing the specifications of the parts and the step by step assembly of a completed unit, if any were available.

Unpractical for the editor to handle this extra work? I'd say so. However if a volunteer is needed to handle the distribution and printing of the plans put me on top of the list and if approved by the President I'll personally see about the printing and distribution to any member that wants one. The officers can set the price on the plans and any profit over cost will be turned over to the TEC treasury.

Question???? How do you flatten out your elongated coins so that they lay flat in the holders without curling up? Here's what I do. Put the elongated coin between two pieces of wood large enough to cover it completely, insert between the jaws of a bench vise and tighten securely. Hold for a few minutes, then release. Viola! Flat. There are other methods. To each his own. Some people put the coins on the railroad tracks and wait for the 5:45 local to come along, however I personally feel that this alters their appearance somewhat. Then too there is always the possibility of a derailment considering that some of the newer elongated coins are shaped like a crescent moon you'd swear they were made of spring steel.

Color me happy about the news that the House of Elongateds is back in business. The former owners made many excellent elongated coins and had many novel ideas. For example, the series on the "California Missions". Also their five Golda Meir elongated coins made on coins of Israel. There were many other sets just as appealing and I'll be looking forward to their offering both old and new.

For the record. As of this day in 1977 I've tried collecting just about everything collectable during my lifetime, yet I find beyond a doubt that collecting elongated coins hold more interest and fascination than most all the hobbies.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The deadline for those that ordered 1977 TEC badges is March 31st If you ordered a 1977 TEC badge send for it now. The price is $3.30. After March 31st, if there are any left they will be available to any one who wants one. So send for yours now.

THE MORROW CASTLE ELONGATED COIN

by Bob Mitchell TEC #492
Silver Springs, Md.

Post cards, capped cents and elongated pennies remind us of the tragic fire that claimed the lives of the 134 persons off the coast of Asbury Park, New Jersey in 1934.

The elongated coin souvenir is known to most of us as the Dow #N.J./a.p.-1. There is another variety listed by Bob Callander as N.Ja.p-1a. This variety is similar except for minor differences in letter positions, and a pier which shows above the waterline to the right.

The Morro Castle was built in 1930. It was a steel-hulled electrically powered ship and was fitted with every safety device then available.

On September 7th, 1934, the Ward Line cruiser Morro Castle was enroute to New York after a successful trip to Havana with a company of Labor Day excursionists. The night before had seen the ships captain suffer sudden stomach pains which caused his death within an hour. The chief officer assumed command of the ship. At 2:15 a.m. on the 8th, the Morro Castle was approaching New Jersey and was keeping to her time schedule, however,things were far from smooth below. A small fire had broken out in the passengers library and writing romm. Several of the sailors tried to put the fire out themselves before notifying the captain. The smoke silently crept along the deck corridors. Although the Morro Castle had modern fireproofing systems, somehow no general alarm sounded. Perhaps the captain thought the crew would gain control of the fire and the ship would continue on her course at full speed. About 3:00 a.m. the passengers began to get alarmed. There was still no official word to man the life boats. The fire on the ship could be seen above the waves by nearby ships and they began to converge on the Morro Castle. By now the passengers were jumping overboard to escape from the blaze. Finally at 3:20 a.m. the radio operator sent out the S.O.S. message. Rescue ships picked up passengers from the water and some people reached the shore exhausted. There were 414 survivors and 134 lost their lives.

Later an attempt was made to tow the hulk to New York harbor but that failed. Rough seas caused the tow line to break and the Morro Castle came to rest just 100 feet from the Convention Hall on the shore of Asbury Park. Thousands of people viewed the burned-out ship and many of them took away chips of the blistered paint, that had washed ashore as souvenirs. It remained a tourist attraction for months, with visitors buying tickets to get a closer look. It was finally towed to Baltimore in March 1935 and used for scrap.

Convention Badges

If you had ordered a 1977 Atlanta Convention badge and had not sent for it yet, do so **NOW.** The cost of the 1977 badges are $3.30. Send to the secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040 Also available for a cost of $2.30 are TEC convention badges from the following years, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974 and 1975.

PATIENCE PAYS OFF

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202
La Marque, Texas

Recently I needed to get in touch with a member of our Elongated Collectors Club. Did you ever try to locate someone when you did not have the slightest idea of where this person lives. I know this person has lived in several states in the past few years and has changed his address many times. So the best place to look was in the TEC NEWS where the change of addresses are.

So I started re-reading each copy of our TEC NEWS and at first I didn't have much luck. It did give me a chance to renew my knowledge of our club. I enjoyed reading the many articles written by the members and the activities of the club. It must be gratifying to our editors to see how many faithful members have continued to send in articles. Some may not be interesting to all, but the writer gets an "A" for trying.

I continued to read and hunt for the members address and found later this person had dropped out of TEC for the last three years, but had recently rejoined. Just the same the back copies of our TEC NEWS grew more interesting as I read through each issue. Later in one of the issues of TEC NEWS I found an address for this same person, but it did not ring a bell. I kept looking and reading all the articles from the members.

In a copy of the latest TEC NEWS I found what I was looking for. I did not feel like my time had been wasted, as all in all I enjoyed reading all back issues of TEC NEWS as my husband was watching the Dallas Cowboys play football.

As I write to my friends and send my thanks for favors I can also thank him for being the reason I renewed my interest in "The Elongated Collectors" Club.

Others I send my grateful thanks to are O. Wilson Morgan, Mary Eggleston, George Kesterson, Dottie Dow, Richard Townsend, Lloyd E. Wagaman, Robert Dadson, Elmer Anderson, Jack Gladfelter and Fredric Mantei for coins and supplies donated for "The Elongated Collectors" Archives.

TRY YOUR IDEA ON A COIN

by Richard Townsend TEC #365
Rochester, New York

As some of you TEC members know I had my third elongated coin made this year for the August A.N.A. convention in Atlanta, Georgia. I was very pleased at the response that greeted them as I gave them out to my friends at the A.N.A. convention.

Several TEC members remarked they wished they could come up with an idea for an elongated coin, but they could not think up any idea of their own. Its nonsense to think that way. All you have to do is use your imagination. If you are like me and can't even draw your own idea on paper, then ask a friend or your roller for ideas. This is the course I've followed with good results.

My "Freedom is Fragile" issue, was a quote from an article I once read. I wrote to Dottie Dow about my idea along with a very rough sketch. She made a small change and before I knew it I had my elongated coins made and sent to me.

My second utilized a stylized "76" design was used by the Boise Cascade Company's envelope division for whom I work for. The TEC owl addition and Dottie Dow's adding of Arba's symbol gave me another issue of an elongated coin.

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TRY YOUR IDEA ON A COIN (cont. from page 22)

My latest issue idea for an elongated coin came from a refrigerator magnet. Dottie Dow who rolls my elongated coins, made to my delight changed the boy and girl to Snoopy and Woodstock, thus adding to my collection of Snoopy memorabilia.

I already have the design for what I hope will be my fourth issue in 1978. Now haw about your ideas? An article, envelope and a magnet gave me mine, so you must have a similar or better idea. So why not have one rolled for this coming new year and put that idea on an elongated coin. By the way my third issue will be given out to the members with the next issue of TEC NEWS.

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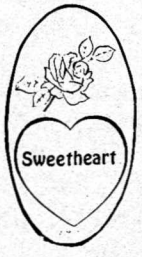

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THE TEC OWL

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

I don't know when I really started collecting owls and why I got interested in them. I guess after, "The Elongated Collectors" chose the owl as their symbol every time a few of us saw an owl in a store we wanted it. I can almost truthfully say I didn't buy most of my owls. As a matter I may have only bought two or three and the rest were given to me by TEC friends.

I think Alice Penzes was the first one to give me a beautiful owl bank. In the past years she has given me some very cute things made with owls. As the years went by more TEC members gave me owls at the A.N.A. convention or mailed them to me from their home states. Yet each one is different and no two are the same.

Now as I look over my collection of owls I can point to anyone of them and tell who had sent or gave me it. These are all collectors items as each is unique in its own way. I have a cloth card with an owl painted on it. I have a ½" owl on a thimble in a little plastic holder which many antique collectors want, but I would never part with any of my owls. As each is from a different TEC member and I love them all.

This year I received a beautiful hand carved white marble owl from Italy, which Barbara Izzo had asked a friend to get for me. This is a beautiful work of art. Just lately I was told the man that carved this owl will never carve any more as he lost both hands in a recent accident. Now you can see how special this owl will be to me.

I also received two owls carved out of coal this year in Atlanta, Georgia. Even when I arrived home one friend bought me a beautiful glass owl bank to add to my collection. I received two from Hawaii and a beautiful necklace from there also. So what started from the one owl that Alice Penzes gave me years ago has become a nice hobby of many, many different owls for my collection from all over the United States.

Now as you look over many elongated coins you will see many of the rollers have made special elongated coins with owls on them. Now most of you have all the membership coins having the TEC owl on them so you can have a nice collection started already. There was also a few special elongated coins made by the different rollers for the TEC'S 10th anniversary. Gus Mecarrello had a special owl elongated coin made a few years back. Another nice rolled out quarter that I can recall was the one that A.A. Rosato made and sold in Boston. I bet many of you forgot that one. Barbara Izzo had a cute coin made last Christmas with a candy cane and an owl sitting on it. So look around in your own collection and see how many elongated coins you have with an owl on it. So if you see one in an ad, don't wait to long to order these coins, or you'll miss out on the coins. I was already told of another Christmas elongated coin that will soon be out with an owl on it. So keep the owl in our TEC family and hope we all make a few more elongated coins with owls on them. Happy collecting my friends and listen to the wise old owl.

Keep the TEC articles coming in and earn yourself a nice TEC NEWS elongated coin. Remember the only way to get one is by writing an article for TEC NEWS. If for some reason your article is rejected, then you are out of luck. So try writing about elongated coins and maybe you can come up with a good story that we never heard of before. Tell us why some of your ideas were put on an elongated coin. Deadline for articles for next issue is February 15th.

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MY SECOND ELONGATED COIN

by Harold Anderson TEC #483
Oklawaha, Florida

This past year I had my second issue of an elongated coin made. As I wanted this elongated coin made for the A.N.A. convention in Atlanta, Georgia, I started early to think up a good idea for a coin. I had two ideas in mind and put them on paper. The idea I liked the best was with my home-town of Florida where I now live. I then sent the idea to Chester Rogers and he rolled the coins for me. I was quite pleased with the coins when I received them.

As everyone was making P.N.Covers these days, I thought I'd try my luck at making some myself. I didn't make many, but I made a few and had them canceled at the A.N.A. convention. I gave out a few to my friends, traded a few, even sold a few. I also gave a few for our TEC meeting and these were auctioned off and the money went to the TEC treasury.

I sent a coin to Margo Russell and she put a picture of my coin in Coin World. When I arrived home from the convention I had letters waiting for me from people who saw my elongated coin in Coin World and wanted to buy my elongated coin. I mailed them out right away.

As I too am looking for new members for TEC I showed my elongated coins to our coin club in Florida and told them I would give one of my elongated coins to the members attending our annual banquet. Many members showed an interest in my coin, so heres hoping I can at least get one new member out of this group. As to 1978, heres hoping I can issue my third elongated coin for the A.N.A. convention in Houston, Texas.

Now with the holiday ahead, Alice and I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may we all have some nice elongateds made for the coming 1978 year.

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